



# VILLA PRINCIPE LEOPOLDO

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## LUGANO

### Numbers and data

#### POSITION

The Villa Principe Leopoldo hotel enjoys a breath-taking position on the “Collina D’Oro”, literally the “Golden Hill” at only two kilometres from Lugano’s city centre. This elegant and peaceful location was chosen by Hermann Hesse, when he elected Lugano as his adoptive motherland. From its privileged position, the hotel offers a peerless view over the city, the lake and over the crown of surrounding mountains. The city centre and Lugano/Agno airport are at only 10 minutes away by car, while it takes about 1 hour to reach Milan/Malpensa airport.

#### DESCRIPTION/ GENERAL OVERVIEW

Member of Relais & Chateaux, Villa Principe Leopoldo offers the very best in terms of discretion and luxury. In the area in front of the semi-circular hotel building, one already senses the princely atmosphere of years gone by. It was, in fact, Prince Leopold himself, who had the palace built in 1926 in the typical architecture inspired by the local Heimatstil, which still gives it its look today. The semi-circular shape of its layout becomes the leit-motif of the whole structure and it’s to be found everywhere, even in the Villa’s exterior and in the two pavilions that delimit the vast hanging gardens on the terrace, made even more beautiful by the octagonal fountain at the centre, which reminds us of other renowned historical buildings, such as the magnificent Castel Del Monte. Whether one decides to stay to simply relax or to celebrate in private or with numerous guests or for important business meetings, our guests will always be able to take advantage of the precious assistance of our staff in a peaceful, exclusive and elegant milieu. One of the pillars on which the success of the hotel has been built is its award-winning cuisine – simple, pure genuine and respectful of tradition- may very rightfully be termed “worthy of a prince”. Furthermore, guests may dedicate time and relax to themselves in the intimate atmosphere of the Private Spa, where personalised top-quality treatments await them. Those preferring more strenuous physical exercise may opt for the tennis courts, the two outdoor heated pools, the gym or the most ancient golf course of Southern Switzerland, in nearby Magliaso. The modern conference rooms fitted out with the most vanguard equipment are the ideal place to hold business meetings, weddings or banquets for more than 250 guests.

#### RESTAURANTS & BAR

Jewel in the crown of the residence, affiliated with Relais & Châteaux, is the Principe Leopoldo Restaurant, led by Executive Chef Cristian Moreschi and his team. A passionate cuisine where every product is the result of a careful selection process and local research, prepared in accordance with a knowledge of the property of the raw materials, refined over the years. The dishes that are considered the most classic, and most rightly so, are prepared with the greatest of care and served with grace and professionalism. In order to select the most suitable wines to accompany such culinary delicacies, guests may resort to the expert advice of the sommelier; besides a splendidly assorted wine list, they may also count on a superb champagne list. Breakfast is served in La Limonaia, the winter garden; the magnificent view on the lake and the Villa’s swimming pool is the best way to get a good and relaxing start to the day.

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The relaxing environment, with live music, bistro dishes and exclusive cocktails, makes the Bar Principe the focal point of the hotel. Inside the Principe Piano Bar, guests may choose to sip a cocktail, a glass of champagne or one of over 100 malt whiskies available, enjoying the enchantment of the sunset, while listening to excellent live music. Today, delicious snacks are also served here. Those guests wishing to make the moment even more perfect by smoking a cigar, may go to the Principe Bar Lounge, which is reserved for smokers only and which is located inside one of the two glass pavilions that embrace the vast hanging gardens on the terrace. In summer, a part of the Restaurant is transferred to the pavilion just opposite, which is also semi-circular, so as to not interrupt the harmony of the structure's rounded curves. There is nothing more enchanting than a lunch or a romantic dinner, caressed by a soft summer breeze against a backdrop of mountains embracing the lake as if it were an arena, while the deep blue water reflects its image and speckling lights against the dusk of beautiful Lugano resting on its shore. In those instants, the surrounding world becomes an unforgettable spectacle and a triumph of nature.

### **PRIVATE DOT SPA**

In the small but sophisticated DOT Spa, one is personally taken care of. Exclusive international cosmetic lines are the true protagonists of all face and body treatments and also of the Spa's massages. Equipped with sauna, Hamman, hydro massage and relax zone, it represents a unique solution to complete a romantic and unforgettable stay.

### **CONFERENCE ROOMS**

The hotel's six conference rooms may host up to 250 people. The whole of the hotel's first floor may be destined to welcoming (on the basis of requirements) from small business meeting, to medium size banquets up to large conferences and all other sorts of events. From the Billiard Room, the smallest room, structured almost like a *privé*, which can contain up to about ten people, one passes to the Montalbano Hall, exceptional for cocktail parties for about 150 guests. The Montalbano Room, if joined to the Melograno room may hold up to 220 guests. Besides the usual equipment, the conference rooms may be fitted out with simultaneous interpretation booths. Several different programmes to support team building may be organised. All conference rooms are well lit, by natural light and some of them have a wonderful panoramic view onto the Lake and the city of Lugano. Internet access is free in all the common spaces of the hotel, conference rooms and bedrooms, thanks to the attribution of W-LAN codes.

### **LEISURE TIME & SPORT**

The Villa Principe Leopoldo hotel's leisure time offer may be easily integrated with a visit to Lugano's city centre. The hotel will see to organising a shuttle bus to and from the city. Famous for being the third Swiss financial market and for guaranteeing exclusive shopping opportunities in its historical centre, Lugano is considered the jewel of Ticino. The inauguration of LAC (Lugano, Art and Culture) the new international cultural hub, which will take place in September, is a further opportunity for the city to gain a more contemporary façade and assume the role of being the real protagonist of Italian Switzerland.

There are also many walks and excursions in the surroundings and some of these depart at the hotel's very threshold, like the interesting Hermann Hesse path that starts at Gentilino, at only ten minutes from the villa, in front of the post office. Along the way one encounters signs with some of the writer's words, which comment and accompany the walk in a very suggestive and pertinent way. The itinerary ends at the museum dedicated to Hermann Hesse in Montagnola. Golf players will be tempted by the greens of the most ancient golf course of southern Switzerland. A ten minute car ride separates the hotel from this historical golf course founded in 1923 and which holds in store a perfect golfing experience: 5.657 metres and 18 holes of

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happiness in the midst of century old trees like birches, oaks and umbrella pines. In springtime, the golf course becomes colourful with blooming rhododendrons and azaleas and nature smiling on. The course's level of difficulty is moreover considered high on account of the many water obstacles and rather narrow fairways that characterise it. At about one hour away, 20 other Ticinese and Lombard golf courses may be reached. Milan, the capital of fashion, may be reached in about 60 minutes by car. Organising a trip there is very easy and an adventure in nearby Italy is always an enjoyable surprise. In case of bad weather, a visit to the nearby Fox Town Outlet Centre in Mendrisio always guarantees a fun shopping experience, while families can amuse themselves at the enormous Splash & Spa aquatic park, a structure at the feet of Mount Tamaro, where both adults and children can have great fun first in the huge swimming pools with breathtaking slides and then relaxing in the Spa area.

## **MEMBERSHIPS / ASSOCIATIONS**

Villa Principe Leopoldo in Lugano is a member of Relais & Chateaux, Dimore D' Epoca, Virtuoso, Les Grandes Tables de Suisse and Le Soste.

**HOTEL MANAGEMENT:** Barbara Gibellini, General Manager

## **ABOUT TICINO HOTELS GROUP**

Founded in 2000 in Lugano, where it now has its headquarters, Ticino Hotels Group is the management company of an exclusive collection of five establishments on Lake Lugano and Lake Maggiore in the Swiss Canton of Ticino, including Villa Principe Leopoldo. Created by a team of entrepreneurs from Italy and Ticino, it is one of the most prestigious hotel groups in the whole of Ticino, combining Swiss precision and efficiency with the distinctive values of Italian hospitality and cuisine.

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